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FROM AMB SMITH SALT HELSINKI 0135
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DEAR HENRY:

ON THE BASIS OF MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE WASHINGTON/HELSINKI SITUATION ABOUT DRAFT TEXTS, I ADVISED SEMENOV OVER A WEEK AGO THAT OUR TARGET WAS TO TABLE TEXTS ON JULY 27TH. YESTERDAY, NOT WITHOUT SOME EMBARRASSMENT TO OUR FINNISH HOSTS, PRINCIPAL AMERICAN DELEGATES BROKE AWAY FROM SOVIET/AMERICAN/FINNISH EXCURSION TO HANDLE LAST MINUTE LEGAL DETAILS OF TEXTS. SOVIETS PLANNING LUNCH FOR BOTH DELEGATIONS TOMORROW FOLLOWING TEXT TABLING.

I UNDERSTAND BACKSTOPPING GROUP MEETING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK TODAY.

THERE ARE ALWAYS BETTER WAYS FOR DIFFERENT LAWYERS TO STATE THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DELEGATION MEMBERS WHO HAVE SPENT LONG HOURS WITH THESE DOCUMENTS ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO JUDGE THE TEXTS AS A WHOLE. AT A CERTAIN POINT, CHANGES DO NOT IMPROVE TIGHTNESS OF AN AGREEMENT--ESPECIALLY LAST MINUTE CHANGES--WHOSE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL OTHER PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE CLEARLY THOUGHT THROUGH. I REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING THAT WASHINGTON AUTHORIZED TEXTS GET TO HELSINKI TONIGHT. DELEGATION HAS TO A LARGE EXTENT ACCEPTED WASHINGTON TEXTUAL SUGGESTIONS. NSDM FAITHFULLY FOLLOWED IN OUR DRAFTS.

THANK YOU.
WARM REGARDS.
GERRY SMITH

State Dept. review completed

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